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LUCAS OIL STADIUM TO FEATURE WIDER SEATS FOR FAN COMFORT

INDIANAPOLIS – When 63,000 Indianapolis Colts fans settle into their Lucas Oil Stadium seats for the opening of the 2008 National Football League season, they should feel much more comfortable than in their old chairs and bleacher seats at the RCA Dome.

That's because all the seats at the new stadium will be wider theater-style chairs with arms, ranging in width from 20 to 24 inches. Seats at the RCA Dome, including bleachers in some general admission areas, average 19 inches in width.

The Indiana Stadium and Convention Building Authority (ISCBA) has approved a contract with Irwin Seating Company to install all the new seating in Lucas Oil Stadium. The $11.3 million package includes 53,266 standard stadium seats measuring 20 inches in width, 6,982 padded club seats that are 21 inches wide and 2,194 upholstered suite chairs with a width of 22 to 24 inches. More than 600 additional seats will be included with a future bid package for a total of 63,000 seats.

"This seating arrangement continues our work toward a state-of-the art facility," said John P. Klipsch, executive director of the ISCBA. "When you also consider that the space between rows at the Lucas Oil Stadium will range from 33 to 35 inches, compared to only 31 inches at the RCA Dome, it helps confirm that we are developing a stadium that is exceptionally fan friendly."

The new multi-purpose stadium is scheduled to be completed in time for the opening of the Colts football season in August 2008. Upon its completion, the RCA Dome will be torn down to accommodate a major addition to the Indiana Convention Center. That project is targeted for a 2010 completion.

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Lucas Oil Stadium Seats

General Admission Seating

Club Seating   **Suite Seating**